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SUBJ: 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPEROR'S ACCESSION

1. ON NOVEMBER 10, 1976 CEREMONIES TO BE ATTENDED BY CABINET, SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS, DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL BE HELD IN TOKYO TO MARK THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION OF THE EMPEROR TO THE THRONE.

2. FONOFF HAS INFORMALLY TOLD US THAT IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY HAS ESTABLISHED POLICY NOT TO HAVE SPECIAL ENVOYS AT CEREMONY AND NOT TO ACCEPT GIFTS FROM FOREIGN CHIEFS OF STATE. MESSAGES FROM CHIEFS OF STATE WILL BE WELCOMED.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESIDENT SEND MESSAGE TO EMPEROR ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

QUOTE:

HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY,
THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN
TOKYO.

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MAJESTY'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

THE FIRM TIES THAT BIND OUR COUNTRIES TOGETHER, SYMBOLIZED BY
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YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1975 AND MINE TO JAPAN THE YEAR

BEFORE, ARE VITAL TO THE WELL BEING OF BOTH THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE PEOPLES.

WITH SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND THE PROSPERITY OF JAPAN.

GERALD R. FORD

END QUOTE.

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